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# GERRY MURRAY

## QUEEN OF THE ROLLER DERBY

ACTION COMES FAST AND OFTEN AS THE SKATES ZOOM OVER THE POLISHED BOARD TRACK AT THE ROLLER DERBY, AND EVERY THRILL SEEMS MORE INTENSE, ESPECIALLY THE THRILL OF LOVE! LISTEN AS GERRY MURRAY, STAR SKATER OF THE NEW YORK CHIEFS, TELLS A TRUE LOVE STORY OF THE ROLLER DERBY!



I'D SEEN THIS MOUSY LITTLE BLONDE STANDING BY THE PLAYER'S ENTRANCE EVERY NIGHT FOR TWO WEEKS...



SURE... NO LAW AGAINST STANDING HERE! BUT WHY DO YOU DO IT EVERY NIGHT?

I LIKE TO SEE THE PLAYERS... UP CLOSE! WHEN YOU'VE ALL GONE IN, I GO OVER TO MY GIRL FRIENDS' HOUSE AND WATCH YOU ON TV!





I GUESSED SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE PRICE OF A TICKET, SO I PULLED HER PAST THE DOORMAN, AND SHOVED HER INTO A FRONT ROW SEAT!



RICK WAS LIKE HER, QUIET AND SHY, AND I HAD A HUNCH THEY'D HIT IT OFF!





I GUESS THEY WERE BOTH SURPRISED BY HOW QUICKLY IT HAPPENED...



FROM THEN ON, SHE WAS IN THAT FRONT ROW SEAT EVERY NIGHT, CHEERING HIM ON! ANYBODY WHO SAW THEM COULD FEEL THAT THEY'D TUMBLED HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE!



THINGS WERE GOING GREAT FOR THEM! AND THEY MIGHT HAVE KEPT ON THAT WAY IF ANNA HADN'T DECIDED SHE WANTED TO BE A SKATER...



BUT SHE KEPT INSISTING, AND I FINALLY GAVE IN! AFTER ALL, SHE'D NEVER BE GOOD ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TEAM ANYWAY...





SHE WASN'T A BAD SKATER, AND SHE WAS DETERMINED, BUT SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE AGGRESSIVE SPIRIT THAT YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE TO SKATE COMPETITIVELY!



IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE SHE COULD QUALIFY FOR THE JUNIOR ROLLER DERBY, BUT RICK WASN'T VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT...



AS ANNA GAINED CONFIDENCE, SHE BEGAN GETTING AGGRESSIVE, AND SHE SOON DECIDED SHE WAS READY FOR THE TEAM! I KNEW THIS WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE... AND IT DID!

I KNOW I'M GOOD ENOUGH, RICK! WHY WON'T THEY GIVE ME A CHANCE?

YOU DON'T WANT THAT, ANNA! LISTEN.. REMEMBER MY TELLING YOU ABOUT THAT FARM? I'VE GOT ENOUGH SAVED NOW...



I WANT TO GO BACK, ANNA, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE ANY GOOD WITH-OUT YOU! WILL YOU...

DON'T RICK! NOT YET! I CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL I'VE PROVED TO MYSELF THAT I'M GOOD ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TEAM! DON'T ASK ME NOW!



ANNA WASN'T NEARLY AS GOOD AS SHE THOUGHT, AND SHE DIDN'T GET THAT CHANCE! BUT RICK WAS WORRIED ABOUT HER, AND BEGAN TO LOSE INTEREST IN SKATING, AND ONE NIGHT...





WHEN WE REACHED HIM HE WAS WRITHING IN PAIN, AND THE WAY HIS ANKLE WAS TWISTED MEANT ONLY ONE THING...

AND IT WAS! WE ALL WENT TO THE HOSPITAL WITH HIM, BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS HE WANTED TO BE ALONE WITH ANNA, SO WE LEFT!

WELL, YOU CAN'T SHOOT A GUY FOR ASKING!

OH, RICK... DON'T TAKE IT THAT WAY! ONCE I MAKE THE TEAM I'LL BE MAKING MONEY, TOO! THE MORE WE SAVE, THE EASIER IT'LL BE!

RICK! WHAT IS IT?

MY ANKLE... I THINK IT'S BUSTED! LOUSY BREAK...

THIS BROKEN ANKLE MADE UP MY MIND FOR ME, ANNA... I'M GONNA QUIT NOW! WILL YOU COME WITH ME, DARLING... CAN'T WE WAIT A LITTLE LONGER, RICK? NEXT YEAR, MAYBE...



YOU'RE NOT SORE, ARE YOU, RICK? YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?

YEAH, SURE, I UNDERSTAND!

ANNA WAS BEGINNING TO RESENT RICK, FEELING HE WAS HOLDING HER BACK, AND AT THAT CRUCIAL MOMENT IN THEIR LOVE AFFAIR, COLEY BOLAND WAS TRADED TO THE CHIEFS! HE WAS COCKY AND AGGRESSIVE AND HE LOVED SKATING... EVERYTHING THAT RICK WASN'T...

YOU SURE ARE GOOD, MR. BOLAND! I'LL BET YOU COULD TEACH ME A LOT!

YEAH, I'LL BET I COULD AT THAT! HOW ABOUT STARTING TONIGHT, BABY?



COLEY WAS A SPENDER... ORCHIDS, CHAMPAGNE, EXPENSIVE PLACES SHE'D NEVER BEEN BEFORE... AND THE SERIOUS RICK BEGAN TO BE FORGOTTEN...

YOU'RE A MIGHTY SHARP LITTLE CHICK, YOU KNOW THAT? I COULD GO FOR YOU!

NOBODY'S STOPPING YOU, COLEY!



HE WAS STRICTLY A \*LOVE 'EM AND LEAVE 'EM\* GUY! EVERYBODY IN THE LEAGUE KNEW IT... BUT ANNA...





ANNA HAD NEVER MET ANYBODY LIKE COLEY BEFORE, AND I HOPED IT WOULDN'T GO TOO FAR! I MADE EXCUSES TO RICK, HOPING SHE'D COME TO HER SENSES...



SHE WAS SORRY SHE COULDN'T COME OVER TONIGHT BUT SHE'S GETTING A COLD, AND...

THANKS, GERRY, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIE TO ME! I KNOW SHE'S CHANGED!

AND THEN IT HAPPENED! IT SEEMED HARMLESS ENOUGH, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN...IF THE TV CAMERAS HADN'T CAUGHT IT!



HOW'D YOU LIKE THE WAY OLD UNCLE COLEY SHOWED 'EM THAT TIME? TEN SOLID POINTS!

YOU'RE PRETTY TERRIFIC!

I HOPED RICK HADN'T BEEN WATCHING, BUT HE MUST HAVE BEEN BECAUSE...THE NEXT DAY...



WHAT IS IT, HONEY? BAD NEWS?

NO... IT'S NOTHING!

WHEN WE HEARD RICK HAD LEFT FOR IOWA, I KNEW WHAT WAS IN THE LETTER! IT WASN'T ANY OF MY BUSINESS, BUT COLEY WASN'T THE GUY FOR ANNA AND I THOUGHT RICK WAS...SO I DECIDED TO TAKE A HAND!



MARY AND RED ARE BOTH HURT! DO YOU REALLY WANT THAT CHANCE YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR? IT'S PLENTY ROUGH OUT THERE TONIGHT...

YES! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...I CAN BE ROUGH, TOO! JUST WATCH!

THE GIRLS WERE TOO BUSY PROTECTING THEMSELVES TO WORRY ABOUT HER...



WATCH OUT, SQUIRT!

OWWW!



WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

SORRY, KID! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE EXPECTING A TEA PARTY!

I FELT LIKE A HEEL AS I WATCHED HER GETTING WORKED OVER, BUT SHE'D ASKED FOR IT! SHE WAS TRYING TO LAP A JAM, WHEN...



LOOK WHO'S TRYING TO PICK UP POINTS!

THE CHIEF'S MUST BE GETTING DESPERATE!

YOWW!



THAT REFEREE MUST BE BLIND! IS HE GOING TO WAIT TILL THEY KILL ME?

THEY'RE NOT BREAKING ANY RULES, KID! I TOLD YOU THIS WAS ROUGH! DON'T COME CRYING TO ME FOR SYMPATHY!



I FIGURED SHE'D TURN TO COLEY, AND HE COULDN'T HAVE PLAYED HIS PART BETTER IF HE'D HAD A SCRIPT! HE WANTED GIRLS TO CONCENTRATE ON HIM...NOT ON THEIR TROUBLES!

WHAT'LL I DO COLEY? DO YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH? YOU'VE SEEN ME SKATE...

I DON'T KNOW, KID! LISTEN, I'LL SEE YOU LATER OR SOMETHING... HUH?



IT WAS A ROUGH WAY TO DO IT, BUT I FIGURED THAT ONCE SHE REALIZED SHE WASN'T ROLLER DERBY MATERIAL, SHE'D COME TO HER SENSES...



SHE WALKED OUT, AND DIDN'T COME BACK! I FOUND OUT LATER WHERE SHE'D GONE...

THAT'S HIM, MISS... OUT IN THE FIELD!

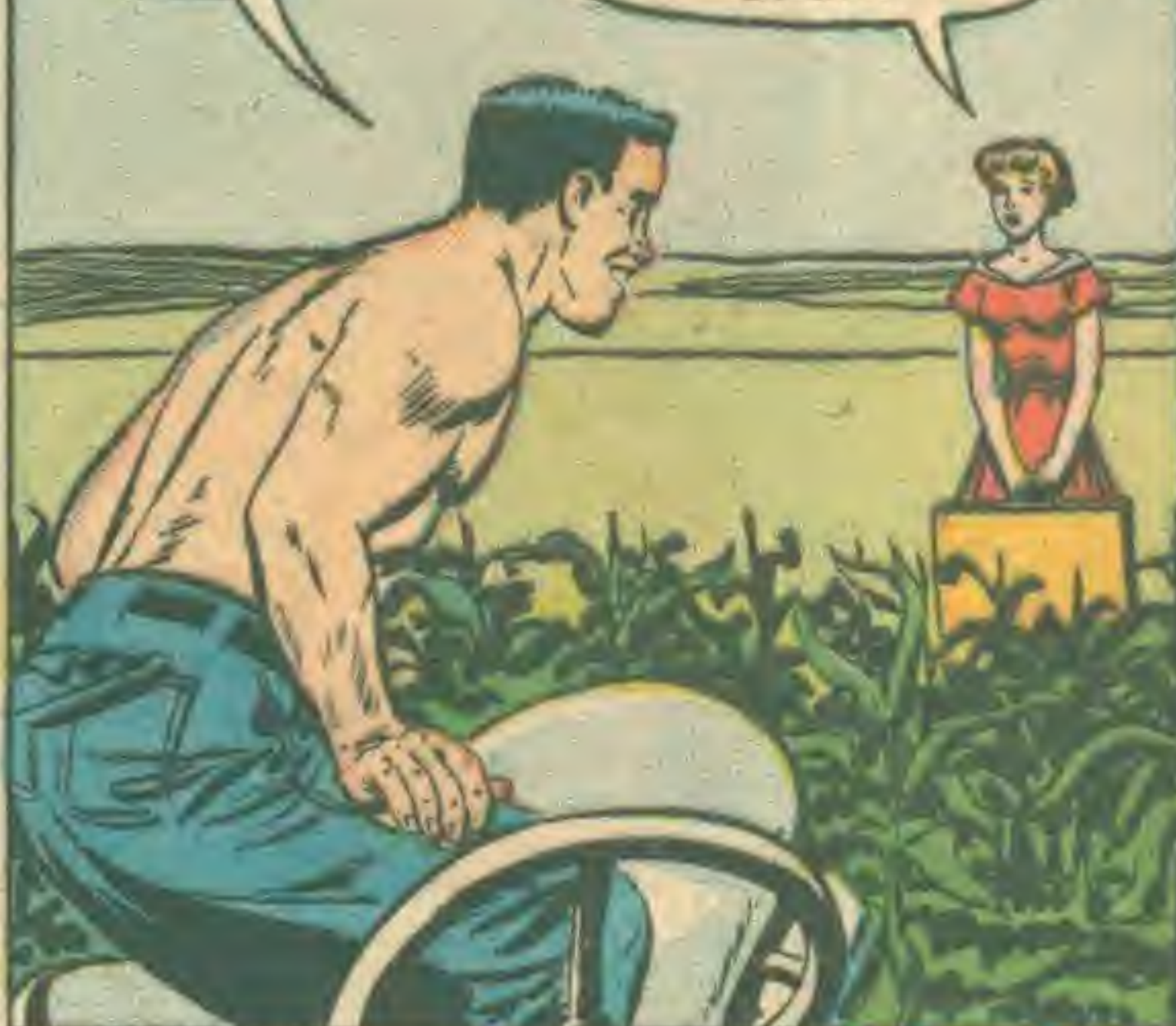
YES... I KNOW! THANKS!

WATCH YOUR STEP



ANNA! BABY...

RICK! I CAME BACK, DARLING... I CAME BACK!



THEY GOT MARRIED THE NEXT DAY! ANNA REALIZED WHAT I'D DONE, AND THEY UP AND NAMED THEIR FIRST CHILD GERRY! GET ME... A GOD MOTHER!

NONE OF THEIR THREE KIDS ARE OLD ENOUGH TO SKATE YET, BUT I SENT 'EM THREE PAIRS, ANYWAY! I CAN'T LAST FOREVER, AND I'D LIKE TO KEEP THIS TEAM IN THE FAMILY!



THE END



# MY LOVE Went WRONG



CAPE COD IS WONDERFUL IN THE SUMMER, BUT NO GUESTS VISIT OUR INN DURING THE LONG WINTER AND TIME PASSES SLOWLY...



NO, DAD! I LOVE IT HERE! I WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD!

A CRANKY OLD MAN'S NO COMPANY FOR A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU, CONNIE! YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND...





HE WAS RIGHT, BUT I COULDN'T LET HIM KNOW! HE WASN'T WELL ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF AND I WAS THE ONLY ONE...

I DON'T NEED ANYBODY BUT YOU, POPS! MOST KIDS WOULD GIVE ANYTHING FOR A HOME LIKE THIS!

YOU'RE NOT A KID ANY MORE, CHILD, BUT THANKS FOR TRYING TO FOOL ME... NOW YOU'D BETTER GET THAT CALL! WE MIGHT NOT GET ANOTHER ONE TILL SPRING!



IT WAS THE STATIONMASTER SAYING THAT A YOUNG MAN HAD JUST ARRIVED, AND WAS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY! IMAGINE—A MAN! STAYING IN OUR HOUSE! I WAS BREATHLESS WITH EXCITEMENT AS HE CAME UP THE WALK!



HE WAS A STRANGE BOY... DARK AND UNSMILING... AS IF HE HATED EVERYBODY, INCLUDING HIMSELF!

ALL I WANT IS A ROOM WHERE I'LL BE LEFT ALONE! I'LL BE TYPING MOST OF THE TIME, SO TELL ME NOW IF YOU MIND THE NOISE!

WE WON'T MIND! IT'S USUALLY SO QUIET... THE NOISE'LL SOUND GOOD! YOUR ROOMS THIS WAY!



FROM THE BEGINNING, I REALIZED THAT PAUL MARQUETTE WOULD BE NO CURE FOR MY LONELINESS! BUT FOR THE CONSTANT CLATTER OF HIS TYPEWRITER, WE COULD HAVE FORGOTTEN HE LIVED THERE... AND THAT WAS THE WAY HE WANTED IT!

IT'S A SHAME TO GO ALL THE WAY TO TOWN FOR YOUR MEALS! WHY NOT EAT WITH US?

THANK YOU, BUT... I NEED THE EXERCISE!



I MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT HE DISLIKED ME, BUT I KNEW IT WAS SOMETHING DEEPER! I WONDERED ABOUT HIS FIERCE CONCENTRATION ON HIS WRITING, AND I FINALLY ASKED HIM!

THIS OLD PLACE WOULD BLOW AWAY IF I DIDN'T NAIL IT BACK TOGETHER EVERY FEW MONTHS! SAY, THAT MUST BE REALLY SOMETHING YOU'RE WORKING ON! MIND IF I ASK WHAT IT IS?

JUST A BOOK! YOU WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED!



A WEEK PASSED AND THEN ANOTHER... AND I BEGAN TO GET WORRIED! IT ISN'T NATURAL FOR A PERSON TO BOTTLE EVERYTHING UP INSIDE HIMSELF THAT WAY! AND I HOPED IF I COULD BRING HIM OUT JUST A LITTLE, I COULD LEARN HIS SECRET... COULD HELP HIM...

I KNOW YOU DON'T GO OUT MUCH, BUT THE TOWN THROWS A BARN DANCE ONCE A MONTH, AND I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO GO...

BARN DANCE? NO... I GUESS NOT! THANKS ANYWAY!



OH, COME ON! YOU CAN'T WRITE ABOUT PEOPLE IF YOU NEVER SEE ANY! YOU'VE GOT TO LIVE A LITTLE BIT!

MY STORY'S ALREADY BEEN LIVED! IT MIGHT DO ME GOOD TO GET OUT THOUGH! THANKS! I GUESS I'LL CHANGE MY MIND!







SO THIS IS THE YOUNG FELLA YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING OUT THERE? I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU, SON!

I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR KEEPING HIM TO YOURSELF, CONNIE!

YOU'RE VERY KIND...

AS WE DANCED HE SEEMED TO RELAX EVEN MORE.



I AM HAVING FUN, CONNIE! THANK YOU!

DON'T THANK ME, PAUL! I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT!



IT WAS COLD WHEN WE GOT BACK, AND I FIXED SOME HOT COCOA WHILE PAUL BUILT A FIRE!

THAT WAS QUICK! YOU'RE QUITE AN EFFICIENT LITTLE GIRL, AREN'T YOU?

I AIM TO PLEASE!



YOU'RE QUITE A GIRL IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, CONNIE! I... I'M SORRY I'VE BEEN SO... WELL... UNFRIENDLY!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, PAUL!



...AND THEN HE KISSED ME! A WARM LINGERING KISS THAT SOMEHOW TOLD OF ALL THE LONELY BITTER HOURS THAT HE WANTED TO FORGET AND COULDN'T...



AFTERWARDS, HE PULLED ME TO HIM AND WE SAT THERE GAZING SILENTLY INTO THE FIRE FOR A LONG TIME... BEFORE I SPOKE...

WHAT IS IT, PAUL? YOU CAN TELL ME! SOMEBODY HURT YOU BADLY, DIDN'T THEY?

I... I'M SORRY, CONNIE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT!

EVEN THOSE FEW WORDS HAD BROKEN THE SPELL!



IT... IT'S GETTING LATE! GOODNIGHT, CONNIE! THANKS FOR THE EVENING!

OH, PAUL... PAUL! WHY WON'T YOU LET ME HELP YOU? WHY, PAUL... WHY?



AFTER THAT NIGHT, WE WERE EVEN FARTHER APART THAN BEFORE...

WE'RE HAVING CHICKEN FOR DINNER! WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

I THINK WE'D BETTER LEAVE THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE, CONNIE!



WE SPOKE OCCASIONALLY, POLITELY BUT FORMALLY, LIKE TWO STRANGERS... AND THE WINTER PASSED AND THEN IT WAS APRIL... AND ONE NIGHT...

I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU BUT I RAN OUT OF CIGARETTES! DO YOU HAVE ANY?

SURE! YOU LOOK TIRED, PAUL! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK?



YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AWFULLY HARD! YOU MUST BE IN A BIG HURRY TO GET IT FINISHED!

HE'D NEVER SAID SO MUCH BEFORE, AND I THOUGHT HE'D DECIDED TO TELL ME, BUT HE DIDN'T! HE WALKED TO THE WINDOW, AVOIDING MY EYES...

I WANT TO WRITE IT WHILE IT'S STILL FRESH IN MY MIND—NOT THAT I'LL EVER FORGET IT! MAYBE IT'S JUST THAT GETTING IT ON PAPER IS THE ONLY WAY I'VE GOT TO GET EVEN!

I HATE TO BE SO MYSTERIOUS, BUT I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT! I GUESS IT HURT ME MORE THAN I KNEW... EVEN THEN!

IT MIGHT HELP IF YOU'D TELL SOMEBODY...



PLEASE, PAUL... LET ME HELP YOU! I WANT TO DO MUCH!

YOU'RE AWFULLY SWEET...



I GUESS THAT KISS WAS HIS WAY OF SAYING HE TRUSTED ME! I WANTED IT TO MEAN MORE THAN THAT, BUT IT WAS TOO SOON... WE SAT DOWN BY THE FIRE AND STARTED TALKING...

I GUESS IT ALL STARTED WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE ARMY THREE YEARS AGO AND WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TO GET MY PHD IN PHILOSOPHY! I WAS THE HAPPIEST GUY ON EARTH UNTIL I STARTED LEARNING THE KIND OF BREAKS I WAS GONNA GET!





ALL THOSE MONTHS IN KOREA I'D DREAMED OF TEACHING IN A SMALL COLLEGE; WRITING A LITTLE; LIVING A QUIET, DECENT LIFE...BUT FINDING THAT JOB WAS TOUGHER THAN I'D DREAMED!

...AND SO WE'VE BEEN FORCED TO DROP ALMOST ALL PHILOSOPHY COURSES IN FAVOR OF ENGINEERING AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS!



I SPENT ALL THAT SUMMER LOOKING, USING UP ALL MY SAVINGS, AND WOUND UP WITH NOTHING BUT A JOB SELLING VACUUM CLEANERS DOOR TO DOOR!

HEY, SERGEANT! WHAT'D YOU DO...SWAP YOUR M-I FOR A VACUUM CLEANER?

DANNY! YOU OLD SON OF A GUN! BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!



IT WAS GREAT TO TALK OVER OUR OLD ARMY DAYS...THE DAYS WHEN I STILL HAD HOPES!

THAT'S QUITE A WAD YOU'RE FLASHING, BOY! WHAT'D YOU DO, ROB A BANK?

NOT A BANK, PAUL! I'VE GOT A BETTER DEAL! HERE, HONEY, BUY YOURSELF A MINK COAT!



AFTER YOU SHIPPED OVER I GOT IN WITH SOME SMART BOYS! I HELPED 'EM SWIPE ARMY SUPPLIES, AND THEY HIRED ME AFTER I GOT OUT! ALL I DO IS DRIVE HOT GOODS OUT OF CALIFORNIA FOR A GRAND A TRIP! YOU OUGHTA TRY IT!



THE MORE HE TALKED THE BETTER IT SOUNDED...TO A GUY BITTER AND FED UP...AND BROKE! BUT TIME MUST HAVE BEEN RUNNING OUT FOR DANNY'S BOYS BECAUSE A WEEK LATER...

WH.. WHAT IS IT? I WASN'T SPEEDING?

COME OFF IT, KID! YOU DIDN'T WIN THAT CARLOAD OF HOT MERCHANDISE IN A BINGO GAME! LET'S GO!



I KNEW I WAS WRONG, AND I PLEADED GUILTY AND WENT TO JAIL! I HAD A YEAR TO THINK OVER WHAT A STUPID THING I'D DONE, AND I WAS CURED! THEN FINALLY, I WAS ON MY WAY HOME.



BUT MY FOLKS SEEMED WORRIED AND AFRAID, ALMOST AS IF I WERE A STRANGER! I COULDN'T STAND THAT...

WHAT IS IT, PAUL? YOU HAVEN'T SAT DOWN ONCE ALL EVENING!

PEGGY'LL BE WONDERING WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN TO SEE HER! I'LL BE BACK LATER!





I COULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED THE FOLKS TO BE THAT WAY! THEY HADN'T UNDERSTOOD ME FOR A LONG TIME, ANYWAY; BUT I COULD COUNT ON PEGGY! SHE'D ALWAYS BEEN SYMPATHETIC...EVEN DURING THE WORST TIMES!

GEE, YOU LOOK GOOD, HONEY! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FOR SO LONG!

YES...IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME!

I STARTED TO KISS HER, BUT SHE TURNED HER FACE ASIDE, AND RIGHT AWAY I KNEW...

WHAT IS IT, PEGGY?

THINGS HAVE CHANGED, PAUL—WE'VE CHANGED! I'M ALL MIXED UP! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK ANYMORE! MY FOLKS AND ALL THE OTHERS SAID...BUT IT ISN'T THEM! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

YOU'VE SAID ENOUGH, PEGGY... I UNDERSTAND! THEY TOLD ME IT WOULD BE THIS WAY, BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE THEM! I...AAH! WHAT'S THE USE?

OH, PAUL... WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE WAY I FEEL?

IF IT WAS TOUGH TO FIND A JOB BEFORE, NOW IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE! SO I CLEARED OUT...WANTING TO GO WHERE NOBODY KNEW ME AND WHAT I'D DONE... WHERE I COULD START ALL OVER...

AND THAT'S WHAT THE BOOK'S ABOUT?

YES! I WANT TO TELL THE WORLD WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE AN EX-CON! WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE REJECTED BY SOCIETY BECAUSE OF ONE MISTAKE! I'M GONNA TELL EVERYBODY WHAT LOUSY HYPOCRITES THEY ARE... EVERYONE FROM MY FOLKS RIGHT DOWN THE LIST...

BUT...IF YOU WRITE IT THAT WAY, IT'LL BE A BITTER WARPED BOOK! YOU'VE GOT TO SEE BOTH SIDES! YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY ACTED THE WAY THEY DID!

THEY DIDN'T TRY TO UNDERSTAND ME! WHY SHOULD I HAVE ANY SYMPATHY FOR THEM?

NOT SYMPATHY, PAUL! ...UNDERSTANDING! DON'T YOU SEE? BY RUNNING AWAY YOU ONLY PROVED TO THEM THAT THEY WERE RIGHT! YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED—PROVED THEY WERE WRONG!

WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PROVE MYSELF? I HAVEN'T CHANGED! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D TAKE THEIR SIDE! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRUST ANYBODY!

I TRIED TO REASON WITH HIM, BUT IT WASN'T ANY USE! WITHIN AN HOUR HE HAD PACKED AND LEFT, LEAVING ME ALONE...



I'D FAILED HIM WHEN HE NEEDED ME MOST! I SHOULD HAVE SYMPATHIZED ...CRADLED HIS HEAD IN MY ARMS... BUT IT WAS TOO LATE NOW...



YOU'VE BEEN MISERABLE EVER SINCE THE BOY LEFT, CONNIE! WHY DON'T YOU SWALLOW YOUR PRIDE ... CALL HIM!

THAT WOULD PROBABLY DRIVE HIM CLEAR OFF THE CAPE! DON'T WORRY, DAD... IT'LL SOON BE SUMMER! I'LL HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO!

WITH THE END OF APRIL CAME THE SPRING STORMS... FURIOUS, RELENTLESS! I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT SATURDAY AFTERNOON...

STORM WARNINGS ARE UP ALL ALONG THE COAST! IT'S TERRIBLE!

DON'T WORRY, CONNIE! THIS OLD HOUSE HAS BEEN THROUGH HURRICANES AND IT'LL WEATHER THIS STORM! I COULDN'T RUN FAR WITH THIS LEG ANYWAY!



IT WASN'T HURRICANE SEASON, BUT THIS WAS THE NEXT THING TO IT! AS IT GREW DARKER THE HOWLING WINDS GREW STRONGER, TEARING DOWN TREES, POUNDING THE WAVES FURIOUSLY AGAINST THE ROCKS ON THE BEACH...



BUT...

THEY DECIDED TO EVACUATE EVERYBODY WHO LIVES NEAR THE OCEAN, AND I SAID I'D HELP! THAT'S ALL!



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! QUICK!

P..PAUL!



AFTER EVERYONE HAD BEEN PICKED UP WE DROVE BACK TO TOWN, AND THEN I BEGAN TO REALIZE IT HAD ALL BEEN PAUL'S IDEA ... THAT HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD ACTED!

THAT WAS QUITE A JOB YOU DID, SON!

WE'RE ALL GRATEFUL!

IF YOU EVER NEED WORK, I'D BE HONORED TO HIRE YOU!





LATER...

I...I WANTED TO THANK YOU, PAUL!

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR YOU...AAHH! WHY KID MYSELF? I WAS WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU!



OH, PAUL...YOU CRAZY DARLING! I'VE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE THE FIRST DAY YOU STORMED UP OUR WALK, ALL PALE AND HURT AND BITTER! I WANTED TO TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS RIGHT THEN... KISS ME, PAUL!



DARLING... DARLING...



YES...YES! YOU'RE WONDERFUL, CONNIE... DO YOU KNOW THAT? I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

DON'T HOLD ME SO FAR AWAY, DARLING!



THAT KISS WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS! BEFORE HE'D STILL BEEN BITTER AND UNHAPPY, DESPERATELY CLUTCHING AT A MOMENT OF HAPPINESS WHICH HE KNEW WOULD BE SNATCHED AWAY! BUT NOW HE WAS DIFFERENT... SURE OF HIMSELF, LETTING HIMSELF GO...

THEN YOU ...YOU DO CARE FOR ME?

I'VE BEEN A FOOL CONNIE! I WAS SO BITTER I COULDN'T ADMIT YOU WERE RIGHT! I WANTED TO LET MYSELF LOVE YOU A LONG TIME AGO, BUT I WAS AFRAID...



I HAVEN'T WRITTEN A LINE SINCE THAT NIGHT! YOU MADE ME REALIZE MY BOOK WAS NO GOOD! I CAN'T FINISH IT!

DON'T YOU SEE, PAUL... NOW YOU CAN REALLY FINISH IT! YOU'RE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THEM NOW! YOU CAN TELL THE STORY AND IT'LL BE TRUE AND FINE!



THE END



# *Agnes Holmes*

## GIVES...

# VACATION TIPS



It's here ——— that wonderful summer vacation you've been looking forward to all year long! And here are some tips that will help make this vacation the best and the most romantic you've ever had.

If you're going to a summer resort with a girl-friend, it isn't wise to stick close to her all the time. Of course, it's a temptation to cling to a familiar person when you're in a strange place and worried about making a good impression. But when the newness of your surroundings wears off, strike out for yourself instead of following your girl-friend around like Mary's little lamb.

Know why? Well, very often a boy who's attracted to you will hesitate to show his romantic interest if you're always with a friend. It would be downright awkward for him to single you out for attention, and leave your friend alone and stranded. Rather than risk an embarrassing situation like that, the boy is likely to look around for another girl . . . one who gives him a chance to speak to her alone.

So ——— separate. Branch out. After each of you gets acquainted with a new boy or two, you can reunite and join to make a congenial group.

But how do you make the acquaintance of strange boys, you ask? Well, remember that summer resorts are friendly, informal places. You needn't follow all the rules of city etiquette. At home, pickup dates are strictly taboo . . . but in a resort, the very fact that you're all guests at the same place is enough to make a smile and a friendly "hello" acceptable.

On the other hand, if you overdo the informality, you're heading for trouble. You may give the wrong impression if you're too forward in your attempt to strike up new friendships. The one-girl welcoming committee who flings herself at every handsome newcomer will only attract the wrong kind of man . . . and leave herself open to heartbreak.

Be friendly and fun to be with, but don't forget yourself. Remember you? You're the same nice girl here that you are at home, and there are things you would never do or say anywhere.

You know how important first impressions are. So don't show up at the resort wearing travel-wrinkled clothes. Choose your travelling outfit from the many crease-resistant clothes now on the market. The fashion-wise girl travels in a light suit and carries a



crisp blouse or scarf in the top of her suitcase, so that she's always ready for a quick change. A clean blouse and fresh make-up put on a few minutes before arrival will pay off in admiring glances.

After all, the man of your dreams might just happen to be there as you arrive. I'm sure you'd rather have him think, "Hmm, she looks good enough to meet, "instead of "That poor girl looks as though she can sure use a vacation!"

Clothes can make or break your vacation fun. That doesn't mean you have to buy an expensive new wardrobe . . . but you should have the right kind of clothes. I know a girl who visited a dude ranch for the first time, and who showed up for dinner in a sleek cocktail dress . . . only to find everyone else in blue jeans! You can imagine how embarrassed she was.

But that needn't happen to you. Try to find someone who has already vacationed where you're going, and find out from her what type of clothes to take. Or else write to the resort owners — they get many requests for information like that, and they'd be glad to tell you what is customarily worn. After all, they want you to enjoy your vacation — their income depends on that.

If you want to get the most out of your vacation, forget about heavy make-up. The sun and air can't get through the paints and powders to do your skin any good. And sunlight does show up the heavily made-up face unmercifully.

A bright lipstick and maybe a light touch of oil or cream on your eyelids . . . and you'll look like the healthy outdoor type during the day. At night, you can apply the faintest touch of rouge. On a sunburn that gives you a fascinating bronze look. Add a bit of mascara or oil to your upper lashes . . . and you're set for the evening's romance, knowing that you look your loveliest.

You can also forget about fussy hair-do's. You won't have time to bother with tight curls and waves. Don't waste hours primping indoors in front of a mirror, or you'll miss out on all the vacation fun and romance you came for. Experiment at home before you go away until you find an easy, becoming hair style. And of course you know that if you spend days in the summer sun, you must protect your hair. Try a gayly-colored kerchief tied gypsy style at the back, or a tennis cap or one of those new straw coolie hats. If you're one of those girls absolutely "agin'" all hats, you can use a very thin coating of hair pomade or cream between you and the sun. Apply it with a light hand.

But to go from one extreme to the other, you should also pay a little beauty attention to your toes. Toe-nails are frequently on view during a summer vacation, and they should be as cared for as your finger-nails. Whether or not you paint your nails is a matter of personal preference . . . but if you do, use moderation in selecting your shade of polish.

And now that you look your best from head to toe, here's hoping your vacation time turns out to be a romance time. Whether it's two weeks or a month or an entire summer, make the most of those sun-filled days — because a whole year will have to roll around before you're off on a vacation again.





# STUBBORN HEARTS

WHEN CHET PROPOSED TO ME IT WAS A MAGIC MOMENT FOR BOTH OF US! YET BEFORE THAT NIGHT WAS OVER WE HAD QUARRELLED BITTERLY...AND PARTED IN COLD, SILENT ANGER!

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, LOUISE, BUT THIS IS ONE DECISION I HAVE TO MAKE MYSELF!

YOU'RE SELFISH AND STUBBORN, CHET NELSON! I...I WOULDN'T MARRY YOU NOW IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN IN THE WORLD!



DON'T YOU SEE MY WHOLE FUTURE DEPENDS ON MY BEING ABLE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE THE COMPANY SENDS ME!

THAT ISN'T TRUE! YOU COULD HAVE A NICE PERMANENT JOB HERE IF YOU WEREN'T SO... SELFISH AND STUBBORN!



I DIDN'T MEAN THOSE SHARP, CUTTING WORDS - THEY SLIPPED OUT BEFORE I COULD STOP THEM! CHET'S WHITE, HURT FACE TOLD ME I'D SAID THE WRONG THING - BUT IT WAS TOO LATE FOR APOLOGIES

...

THAT DOES IT! WE'RE THROUGH, ONCE AND FOR ALL - UNLESS YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES!

ME! COME TO MY SENSES! OF ALL THE INSUFFERABLE... TAKE ME HOME, CHET, AND DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD!





I TOLD MYSELF I WAS LUCKY I'D FOUND OUT WHAT KIND OF MAN CHET WAS BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE... BUT STILL I CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT! FALLING IN LOVE WAS SUCH AN EASY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE—I HADN'T THOUGHT THAT ANYTHING COULD INTERFERE WITH OUR HAPPINESS... IT STARTED SO NATURALLY...

WEAR YOUR BEST BIB AND TUCKER TONIGHT, SIS! I'M BRINGING A GUY HOME FOR DINNER... A LONELY, FOOTLOOSE BACHELOR!

SO WHAT, ALEC? MOST OF THE FELLOWS YOU KNOW WOULDN'T RATE A WHISTLE AT AN OLD MAIDS' CONVENTION!

Alec is standing in a kitchen, wearing a brown sweater over a white shirt and tie. He is gesturing with his right arm towards Louise. Louise is sitting at a table, looking up at him with a surprised expression. She is wearing a white blouse. There are other people in the background, including a man in a white shirt and tie.

LOUISE, THIS IS CHET NELSON! HE'S MASTER-MINDING OUR NEW PROJECT AT THE PLANT!

HOW DO YOU DO, MISS PETERS! IT'S SURE NICE OF YOU FOLKS TO INVITE ME!

Louise is standing and talking to Chet Nelson. Chet is a man with blonde hair, wearing a green suit jacket over a white shirt and tie. Louise is wearing a red top. They are in a room with a window in the background.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, LOUISE? YOU'RE PUTTING THE DESSERT INTO SOUP PLATES!

WHAT? I... I GUESS MY MIND WASN'T ON WHAT I WAS DOING!

Louise is sitting at a table in a kitchen, looking distressed. She is wearing a red top. There are plates of food on the table, including a cake. A man is standing next to her, looking at her with a concerned expression.

YOU'D THINK I'D NEVER SEEN A GOOD LOOKING MAN BEFORE, BUT GOLLY—HE'S SO NICE, I WONDER WHAT HE THINKS OF ME?

A close-up of Louise's face. She has a surprised and slightly nervous expression. She is wearing a red top and a white collar with a brooch.

MOM RECOGNIZED THE SYMPTOMS... LEND ME A HAND, WILL YOU, ALEC? THE FURNACE IS ACTING UP AGAIN!

SURE THING, MOM!

Louise is standing in a kitchen, looking at Alec. Alec is wearing a green suit jacket over a white shirt and tie. Louise is wearing a red top. There are other people in the background, including a man in a white shirt and tie.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I'VE BEEN ENJOYING THIS EVENING! MAY I SEE YOU AGAIN LOUISE... SOON?

WHY, Y..YES, CHET—THAT WOULD BE NICE!

A close-up of Louise and Chet. Louise is looking at Chet with a surprised expression. Chet is looking at Louise with a slight smile. Louise is wearing a red top and a white collar with a brooch.

'SOON' MEANT THE VERY NEXT NIGHT... YOU CAN SEE HOW RUSTY MY DANCING IS, LOUISE! WHAT I NEED IS A LOT OF PRACTICE WITH A PARTNER LIKE YOU!

WELL, THAT JUST MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ARRANGED!

Louise and Chet are dancing. Louise is wearing a black dress and Chet is wearing a green suit jacket over a white shirt and tie. They are in a room with a window in the background.





HOW ABOUT SAVING TOMMORROW NIGHT FOR ME TOO, LOUISE?

ALL RIGHT, CHET... I LIKE IT FINE!



MORNING, SIS! DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME LAST NIGHT... YOU AND MY FOOTLOOSE FRIEND?

YOU'VE USED THE WORD, "FOOTLOOSE" BEFORE, ALEC! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?



WELL, CHET'S AN ENGINEER, SEE... DARNED GOOD ONE, TOO! BUT ONE OF THE ROVING KIND! CHEER UP, THOUGH—OUR PLANT MANAGER WOULD LIKE HIM TO STAY HERE PERMANANTLY INSTEAD OF MOVING ON WHEN HE FINISHES UP!

REALLY? HOW INTERESTING!

I REALIZED NOW THAT CHET WAS A ROLLING STONE! BUT I TOLD MYSELF THAT MANY MEN WERE THAT WAY... RESTLESS AND ROOTLESS... BEFORE THEY WERE MARRIED! ANY MAN COULD SETTLE DOWN... INCLUDING CHET... WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT...



HOW ABOUT A MOVIE TONIGHT, LOUISE? AND THE PLANT'S HAVING A DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT... WANT TO GO?

BUT THAT MEANS I'LL BE SEEING YOU EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK!



WHAT'S SO TERRIBLE ABOUT THAT! DIDN'T YOU EVER HEAR HOW FAST WE ENGINEERS MOVE ON THE PATH TO OUR OBJECTIVE!

I'VE HEARD! CHET... CHET...



SORRY JIM BUT I ALREADY HAVE A DATE FOR THE DANCE!

COUNT ME OUT, MIKE! I'M PRETTY MUCH OUT OF CIRCULATION THESE DAYS!

NO, NOT NEXT WEEK, EITHER, WES! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER FIND YOURSELF A NEW NUMBER ONE GIRL!



SO JUST ABOUT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING IT WASN'T A QUESTION OF WOULD CHET ASK ME TO MARRY HIM... IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF WHEN! IT HAPPENED EXACTLY FIVE WEEKS AFTER OUR FIRST MEETING! WE'D PARKED THE CAR AND GONE FOR A WALK DOWN BY THE RIVER...

IT'S QUIET HERE... A GOOD SPOT FOR A PROPOSAL I MEAN ... IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED I LOVE YOU! LOUISE, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL, CHET! WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY BUT "YES"!



WE CAN WORK IT SO WE'LL HAVE A CALIFORNIA HONEYMOON! THE HOME OFFICE IS SENDING ME THERE ON MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT!

CALIFORNIA! I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN OFFERED A JOB HERE FOR GOOD!



SURE, BUT I TURNED IT DOWN! I'LL GET AHEAD FASTER IF I TRAVEL AROUND AND MAKE MYSELF KNOWN IN ALL THE FIELD OFFICES!

YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE MY FAMILY... MY FRIENDS? I WON'T DO IT, CHET!



I THOUGHT IT WAS SUCH A MINOR POINT ... THAT CHET WOULD GIVE IN TO ME AT ONCE, BUT THIS WAS A NEW CHET, STUBBORN AND UNYIELDING! WE SAID ALL THOSE NASTY THINGS TO EACH OTHER... AND ENDED THE EVENING BY BREAKING THE SHORTEST ENGAGEMENT ON RECORD!

CHET HASN'T BEEN AROUND FOR A FEW DAYS! IS SOMETHING WRONG BETWEEN YOU TWO, LOUISE?

WE HAD A LITTLE FIGHT, THAT'S ALL, MOM! IT'LL STRAIGHTEN ITSELF OUT ONE OF THESE DAYS!



IT'S BEEN A WHOLE WEEK NOW, AND HE HASN'T EVEN PHONED! I GUESS I WAS KIDDING MYSELF ABOUT CHET BEING SO MUCH IN LOVE WITH ME! IF HE REALLY CARED HE'D DO WHAT I WANT!



HI, LOUISE! SAY WOULD I BE WASTING MY BREATH IF I ASKED YOU TO GO TO THE PLANT PICNIC WITH ME NEXT WEEK?

THAT'S A FUNNY KIND OF INVITATION, WES— BUT YOU JUST MADE YOURSELF A DATE!







I BET I CAN GUESS WHAT'S IN THE LUNCH HAMPER, LOUISE! FRIED CHICKEN, HARD-BOILED EGGS, HOME-MADE CAKE... RIGHT?

I WON'T TELL YOU... IT'S A SURPRISE! I... OH!

I REALIZED THEN HOW COMPLETELY CHET HAD TORN MY LIFE APART! JUST SEEING HIM WITH ANOTHER GIRL MADE MY HEART TURN OVER! I'D COME WITH WES BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO SIT HOME AND AND BROOD FOREVER, BUT SOMEHOW I HADN'T EXPECTED CHET TO FIND ANOTHER GIRL- AND SO SOON!



WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST!

I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED AN OLD FRIEND... BUT I WAS WRONG!



SWELL FOOD, BUT I BETTER NOT EAT TOO MUCH! I WANT TO GO SWIMMING LATER!

THERE WON'T BE ANY SWIMMING TODAY! THE RIVER'S TOO ROUGH! LISTEN! WHAT'S THAT?



HEY! THAT SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE!

HELP! HELP! SOMEONE'S FALLEN INTO THE RIVER!

IN A SECOND EVERYBODY WAS RUNNING TOWARD THE WATER! WHEN I REACHED THE RIVER BANK...



IT'S A LITTLE BOY! YOU CAN JUST SEE HIS HEAD BOBBING AROUND OUT THERE!

YEAH, THE POOR KID! I'D GO AFTER HIM MYSELF BUT NOBODY CAN SWIM THAT RIVER TODAY!



IT'S AWFUL, WES! CAN'T ANYBODY DO ANYTHING?

IT'S NO USE, LOUISE! THE CURRENT'S TOO STRONG! EVEN A GROWN MAN CAN'T FIGHT IT! BUT WAIT... L..LOOK!



THAT FOOL! HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE OUT THERE IN THAT CRAZY WATER!

IT'S CHET!



YES, IT WAS CHET... THE ONLY MAN IN THE WHOLE CROWD BRAVE ENOUGH TO CHALLENGE THE RAGING CURRENT! I CLUNG TO WES TREMBLING WITH FRIGHT, PRAYING AS I NEVER PRAYED BEFORE... FOR CHET'S SAFETY! I'D KNOWN ALL ALONG THAT I LOVED HIM... BUT UNTIL NOW I HADN'T REALIZED HOW MUCH!

I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE IN THAT TENSE CROWD WHO PRAYED... AND OUR PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED!



TAKE CARE OF THE BOY! I'M ALL RIGHT!

YOU'D BETTER GET INTO DRY CLOTHES OR YOU'LL TAKE A CHILL!



A DOCTOR IN THE CROWD GAVE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION TO THE BOY AND FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER A GREAT CRY WENT UP... HE WAS ALL RIGHT! IN THEIR ANXIETY OVER THE YOUNGSTER EVERYONE HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT CHET... BUT SUDDENLY I SAW HIM QUIETLY STEALING OFF INTO THE WOODS...

CHET! PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE!

OH, IT'S YOU, LOUISE!



I... I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING, CHET! I WANT TO MARRY YOU... IF YOU'LL STILL HAVE ME!



YOU ONCE SAID I WAS SELFISH AND STUBBORN! DOESN'T THAT STILL HOLD?

SAVING THAT CHILD WAS THE MOST UN-SELFISH ACT I'VE EVER SEEN! AS FOR YOUR STUBBORNNESS... WELL, MAYBE THAT'S JUST ANOTHER NAME FOR COURAGE!

YOU MEAN YOU WON'T MIND BEING THE WIFE OF A TRAVELING MAN?... HERE TODAY AND GONE TOMORROW?

I LOVE YOU, CHET... THAT'S THE BIG THING AND I LEARNED IT THE HARD WAY, BELIEVE ME!



BUT CHET AND I DIDN'T LEAVE THE PICNIC TOGETHER THAT AFTERNOON! WES BROUGHT ME HOME AND CHET LEFT WITH THE GIRL HE BROUGHT! HE WAS OVER TO SEE ME THAT NIGHT, THOUGH AND A FEW WEEKS LATER...



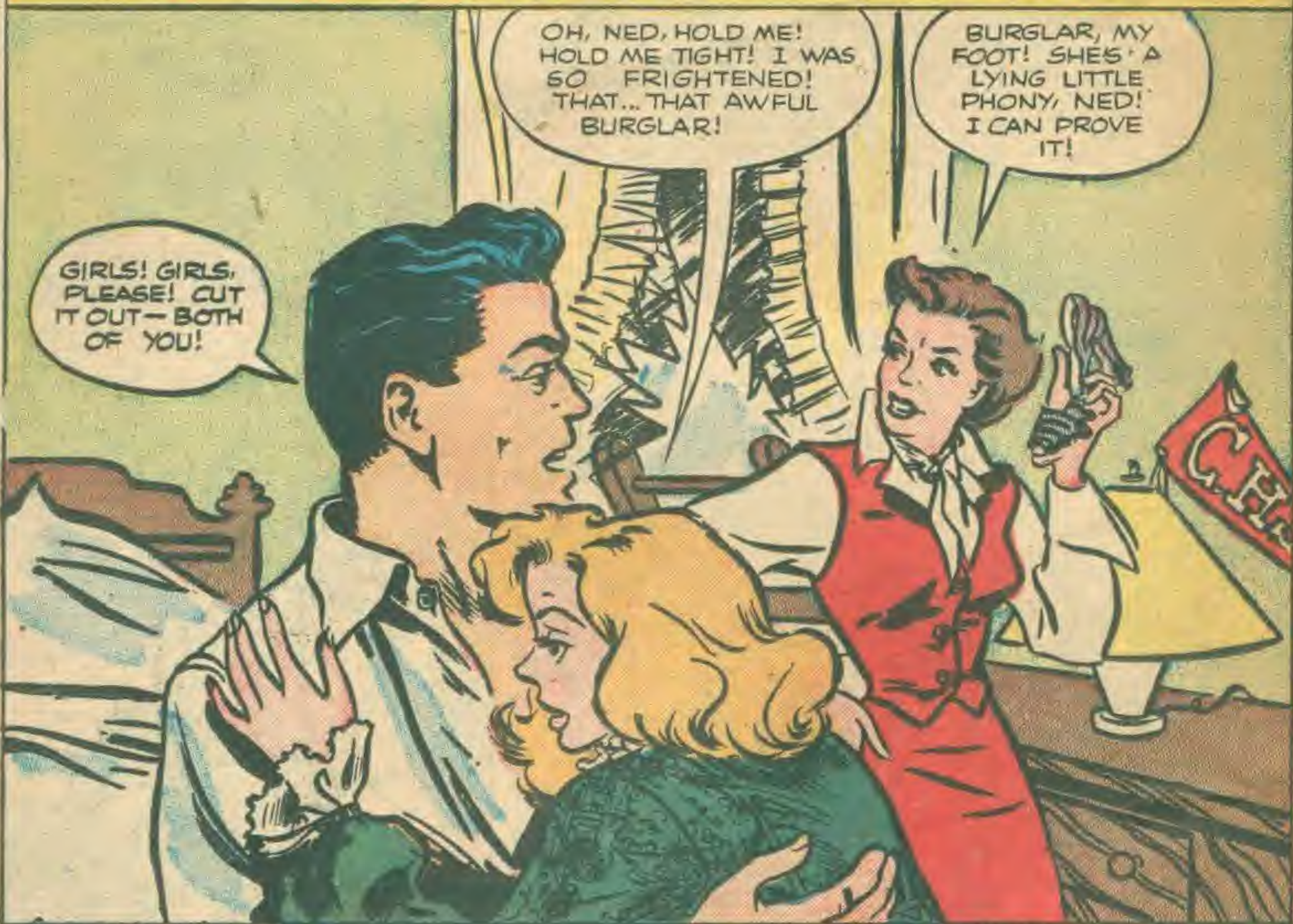
THIS IS WHEN I FOUND OUT WHAT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ALL ALONG... A GIRL CAN NEVER BE LONELY OR HOME-SICK WHEN SHE'S WITH THE MAN SHE LOVES!

THE END



HE STAYED WITH ME EVERY EVENING, TO GUARD ME FROM HARM! TO NED BARTON, I WAS JUST A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD PAID RESPONSIBILITY! HE NEVER THOUGHT OF ME AS A WOMAN, LONGING FOR HIS KISSES, LOVING HIM DESPERATELY! WHAT NED NEEDED WAS SOME

# EVIDENCE OF LOVE



MY FATHER DIED WHEN I WAS TWO! MAYBE THAT WAS WHY MOM NEVER STOPPED OVER-PROTECTING ME...







YOUR MOTHER'S HIRED MY NED TO STAY WITH YOU EVENINGS, NANCY! HE CAN USE THE EXTRA MONEY IN LAW SCHOOL! AND YOU'LL BE SAFE WITH NED HERE!

OH, NO!



MOM! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! WHAT IF THE KIDS FIND OUT YOU HIRED A BODY-GUARD FOR ME? I... I'D BE A LAUGHING STOCK!

NONSENSE! I'M NOT LEAVING YOU ALONE, NANCY! NED WILL BE HERE AT SEVEN!



UPSTAIRS I WEPT WITH HUMILIATION! MOM JUST REFUSED TO LET ME GROW UP! I HADN'T EVEN BEEN ALLOWED TO USE LIPSTICK TILL MY SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY! AND NOW THIS!

IF...IF THE GANG FINDS OUT ABOUT NED STAYING HERE, I... I'LL DIE!



NED! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN SO LONG I ALMOST FORGOT YOU LIVED NEXT DOOR!

LAW STUDENTS KEEP PRETTY BUSY, MRS. COTTER - BUT YOU'LL SEE ME OFTEN NOW THAT I'M BABY-SITTING WITH NANCY!

NED ARRIVED PROMPTLY AT SEVEN...



BABY-SITTING! WHY...WHY HE'S ONLY SIX YEARS OLDER THAN I AM! OH! THAT CONCEITED...

I'D SHOW HIM! AFTER MOM LEFT I PUT ON MY BEST DRESS AND SAUNTERED DOWN-STAIRS...



WHY, NANCY! HELLO! I THOUGHT YOU'D GONE TO BED!

BED AT THIS HOUR? WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM? IN KINDERGARDEN OR SOMETHING?



GOSH, I DIDN'T REALIZE! YOU MUST BE IN HIGH SCHOOL BY NOW! LITTLE NANCY IN HIGH SCHOOL!

LITTLE NANCY... AS YOU CHOOSE TO PUT IT... JUST HAPPENS TO BE GRADUATING NEXT MONTH!



THAT FIRST WEEK I SNUBBED NED OUT OF PURE RESENTMENT! THEN ONE NIGHT I REALIZED I'D SPENT AN HOUR SECRETLY STARING AT HIM...

WHY... WHY, IT FEELS LIKE THE TIME I HAD THAT CRUSH ON MY HISTORY PROF! I COULDN'T STOP LOOKING AT HIM! AND... AND NOW...



SATURDAY NIGHT I SPENT WITH THE CROWD, TRYING TO PROVE I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT NED...

LET'S GO DOWN TO THE SODA SHOP!

WONDERFUL!



I USED TO GET A KICK OUT OF A GOODNIGHT KISS! BUT NOW IT... IT'S SUCH KID STUFF...

'NIGHT, NANCY!



IS... IS THIS WHAT LOVE FEELS LIKE? WHEN JUST ONE WEEK AGO, I... I HATED HIM? YET TONIGHT, THINKING ABOUT HIM, I... I SHIVERED ALL OVER!



NEXT DAY I WENT TO SCHOOL IN A DAZE! MY BEST FRIEND, SALLY, TRIED TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO ME!

GOOD GRAVY, NANCY! YOU LOOK LIKE THE GHOST WALKING! YOU IN LOVE OR SOMETHING!

IF I LET YOU IN ON IT, PROMISE NOT TO TELL?



BEING A WOMAN, I POURED MY THRILLING CONFIDENCES INTO HER EARS...

OH, NANCY! I'VE JUST GOT TO TELL JOAN! IMAGINE SPENDING EVERY SINGLE EVENING WITH A MAN LIKE NED BARTON!

WELL, GOLLY, DON'T MENTION THAT HE'S ONLY THERE TO STUDY LAW!



TO MY AMAZEMENT MY AWFUL SECRET TURNED INTO A FABULOUS ADVANTAGE! IN ONE DAY I BECAME THE MOST TALKED ABOUT GIRL IN SCHOOL...

HEY, NANCY! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL MY LIFE? HOW ABOUT A DATE SATURDAY NIGHT?

SORRY! I'M BUSY EVERY NIGHT!





I PRAYED FERVENTLY THAT NED WOULD REACT TO MY NEW POPULARITY...

THE PHONE AGAIN! NED, WILL YOU TAKE IT?

FOR PETE'S SALES, THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME TONIGHT! HOW MANY BOY-FRIEND HAVE YOU GOT AT YOUR AGE?

YES, SHE'S HERE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHO AM I? I'M HER GRANDFATHER, THAT'S WHO!

HERE, NANCY... FOR YOU!

O..OH, JIM, TOMORROW? I CAN'T! I'M GOING TO THE BASKETBALL GAME WITH JOHNNIE! BUT TRY ME AGAIN!

SUDDENLY, AS I TURNED TO NED, ALL THE FUN WENT OUT OF IT! I FELT A TWISTING, YEARNING FEELING IN MY HEART ONLY FOR HIM...

NED, I..I HOPE YOU DON'T THINK THOSE CALLS MEAN ANYTHING TO ME! I GO OUT WITH BOYS FROM SCHOOL, BUT THEY...THEY DON'T EXACTLY THRILL ME!

THRILL YOU? FOR PETE'S SALES, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE I DIDN'T KNOW THRILLS EXISTED! YOU BETTER GO UP AND SLEEP IT OFF, NANCY!

SO HE THINKS I DON'T KNOW WHAT A THRILL IS! HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THOSE DREAMS OF MINE!

OH, NED, DARLING! THIS IS THE KISS I WANT!

BUT THERE WAS A TWO-FOLD MISERY IN AWAKENING, FINDING AN EMPTY REALITY WITHOUT NED'S LOVE...

WHY ISN'T IT REAL? WHY CAN'T HE SEE ME AS A WOMAN? A WOMAN WHO ACHES TO BE CLOSE TO HIM?



ONE AFTERNOON, A FEW DAYS LATER...



BUT I WAS TO LEARN OTHERWISE THAT VERY NIGHT!



I CALMED DOWN, LISTENING TO THEM! IT SOUNDED LIKE A HOMEWORK DATE, AFTER ALL! THEN HELENE BURST INTO LAUGHTER...





I WANTED TO DIE OF SHAME! BUT FOR A 'SILLY TEEN-AGER', I DISCOVERED I HAD A LARGE DOSE OF FEMININE INSTINCT ABOUT ANOTHER WOMAN!

SHE TOLD HIM DELIBERATELY! IT'S HER WAY OF MAKING A PLAY FOR HIM! WELL, SHE WON'T HAVE HIM! I'LL SHOW HER!



A DEVIL INSIDE OF ME MADE THE PLAN! I SNEAKED DOWN THE BACK STAIRS...

THE LADDER'S SOMEWHERE IN THE GARAGE!



UGH! IT'S SO HEAVY! NOW, FOR MOM'S NEGLIGEE...MY HAIR UP AND SOME MASCARA! I'D BETTER HURRY! MAYBE HE'S KISSING HER RIGHT NOW!



NOW, READY, SET—GO!



EEEE! NED! HELP!



OH! I WAS SO SCARED! I... I THREW A BOOK AT HIM!

NANCY! ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT HAPPENED?

NED RUSHED DOWN WITH A FLASHLIGHT! HELENE STOOD STARING AT ME WITH NARROWED EYES...

SO! MISS TEEN-AGE...WITH MASCARA! AND THERE WAS A BIG, BAD BURGLAR WASN'T THERE!

WH..WHAT DO YOU MEAN!





A RATHER OBVIOUS TRICK, DEAR! I DOUBT THAT A MAN AS INTELLIGENT AS NED WILL FALL FOR IT... ESPECIALLY AFTER I PRESENT HIM WITH SOME EVIDENCE!



NED CAME BACK AND I FLED TO HIS ARMS, CLINGING, TRULY FRIGHTENED NOW... OF HELENE!

NED, HOLD ME! I WAS... I WAS SO SCARED!

IT'S OKAY, HONEY! NOBODY'S THERE! I GUESS HE GOT SCARED TOO! TAKE IT EASY NOW, SWEET!



NED, SHE'S LYING... THERE WASN'T ANY BURGLAR! NOBODY BUT LITTLE MISS TEEN-AGE HERE! WITNESS A NICE MUDDY SLIPPER!



THAT'S A ROTTEN THING TO SAY, HELENE! I THINK YOU'D BETTER GO!

WELL! WHEN A MAN WANTS TO BE MADE A FOOL OF, IT'S HIS OWN AFFAIR!



HELENE FLOUNCED OUT OF THE ROOM AND LEFT! BUT SOMETHING BURNED IN ME... MY CONSCIENCE ...

NED! I... I... DID IT! JUST AS SHE SAID! I PUT THE LADDER THERE MYSELF!

SHHHH, DARLING! I KNOW! ALL YOUR FOOT-PRINTS WERE THERE IN THE MUD!



YOU... YOU KNEW? OH, NED! I HAD TO SHOW YOU I WAS... I WAS A WOMAN, NOT JUST A LITTLE GIRL!

I THINK HELENE ALREADY SHOWED ME, DARLING! A WOMAN ISN'T CATTY ABOUT A LITTLE GIRL, SWEET, ONLY ABOUT ANOTHER WOMAN! IT MADE ME THINK... ABOUT YOU!



NED'S KISS WAS THE FINAL, THRILLING LESSON IN MY EDUCATION AS A WOMAN! AND HIS LOVE EVEN CONVINCED MOM THAT HER BABY IS ALL GROWN UP NOW... AND GETTING MARRIED SOMEDAY... TO LAWYER, NED BARTON!



THE END



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# ORIGINAL KENTUCKY TAVERN BARBECUE ASH TRAY

- ★ A MINIATURE FIREPLACE
  - ★ A CIGARETTE SERVER
  - ★ A MATCH HOLDER
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- All In One!**

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ILLINOIS MERCHANDISE MART, Dept. 2505 A  
1227 LOYOLA AVE., CHICAGO 26, ILL.

Send me the following Barbecue Ash Trays on your 10 Day Money Back Guarantee Offer. (NOTE: We will gladly ship C. O. D. if you prefer but C. O. D. rates are so costly we urge you to pay in advance. You save up to 56c.)

- ☐ Enclosed is \$1.98 plus 25c (\$2.23)—ship 1 Ash Tray postpaid.
- ☐ Enclosed is \$3.89 plus 40c (\$4.29)—ship 2 Ash Trays postpaid.
- ☐ Ship 1 Ash Tray C. O. D.    ☐ Ship 2 Ash Trays C. O. D.

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# New Reducing "Miracle"

## "DROPEX" REDUCING COCKTAIL

(Reduces Excessive Appetite)

Proved by Doctors to Reduce Weight  
9 lbs. in 4 weeks . . . 15 lbs. in 2 months !

— by Reducing Desire to Overeat

Clinical Tests Prove Use of  
"DROPEX" Reducing Cocktail  
Resulted in Weight Losses  
Averaging 2 lbs. per week

By curbing  
desire to  
overeat

IF you are overweight due to overeating and want to lose 9 to 15 pounds, try "DROPEX." Just add a dropperful of the new "DROPEX" Reducing Cocktail to your favorite drink before each meal and let "DROPEX" curb your excessive appetite.

"DROPEX" Reducing Cocktail has been proven by doctors who tested it on a group of normal overweight men and women. The doctors' tests showed a safe, steady reduction of weight every week with "DROPEX" Reducing Cocktail. Average losses were 9 lbs. in 4 weeks and 15 3/4 lbs. in 2 months.

Naturally, weight losses vary in individual cases. In clinical tests "DROPEX" was consistently successful. "DROPEX" may not be consistently successful in all cases, but you take no risk in trying "DROPEX" on our Money Back Guarantee. You have nothing to lose but fat—so easily, so safely, so pleasantly.



"DROPEX" is new and different . . . pleasant, tangy taste.

In Doctors' Tests "DROPEX" Users Lost Average of 2 Pounds Per Week

—Without Special Diets  
—Without Exercises

"DROPEX" Reducing Cocktail was carefully tested on a group of overweight men and women. The results from taking "DROPEX" delighted the doctors supervising the tests, as well as the overweight men and women. Many of the people who took "DROPEX" had used other products without success but with "DROPEX" the average weight loss was 2 pounds a week over an eight week period.

All the overweight persons did was to add a dropperful of "DROPEX" to their favorite drink before each meal. No diets or special eating plans were prescribed. The doctors credited the easy steady loss of excess weight to the use of "DROPEX" which curbed the excessive appetite.



ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING  
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Add "DROPEX" to fruit or vegetable juice, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages or plain water.



### MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

We guarantee your money back if "DROPEX" does not reduce your weight **WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL DIETS !**

In clinical tests on both men and women, weight losses averaged 2 lbs. per week with

**"DROPEX"**  
REDUCING COCKTAIL **\$2.98**



Cut out coupon now as a reminder to get "DROPEX"

CHARM COMPANY Dept. DL  
400 Madison Ave. New York 17, N. Y.

Please send me . . . bottles of Droplex Reducing Cocktail, at \$2.98.

- ☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman plus postal charges.
- ☐ I enclose payment. You pay postage.
- ☐ Send 3 bottles for \$6.00 (1 free when you buy 2).

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Official size set with 4 Bats, 2 Balls, net, posts and rules of play. All you need for the game of Doubles or Singles.



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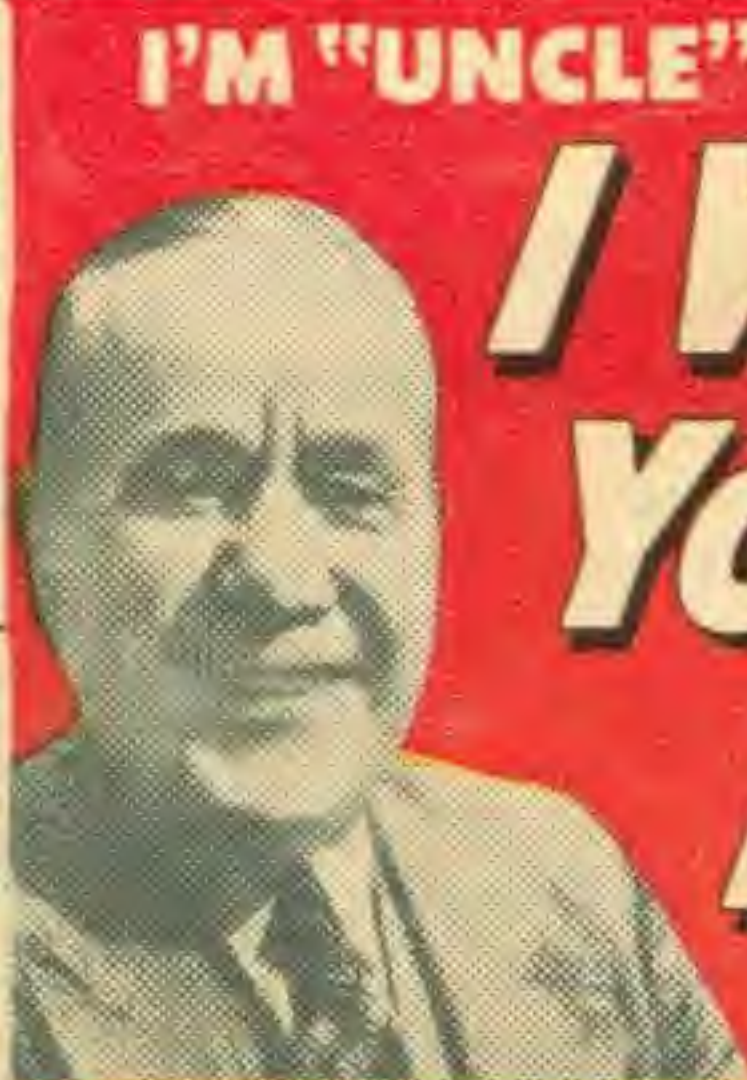
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WITHOUT ONE CENT OF COST

I have been helping boys and girls get prizes and earn money for 36 years. Shown here are just a few of the wonderful Prizes you can get without a cent of cost for selling my famous Christmas Packs. Any of these prizes or your choice of over 50 others shown in my Free Prize Book are given for selling just one order of 24 Christmas Packs at 25c a pack. Many boys and girls sell the Packs in one day and get their prizes at once.

#### Hurry - Be First in Your Neighborhood

It's easy to sell these Christmas Packs to your family, friends and neighbors. Each Pack contains 4 Christmas Cards, 4 Envelopes and 32 Sparkling Christmas Seals—40 pieces for 25c—a big value. They're so gay and bright—they sell on sight. When sold, send me the money and choose your prize from my Free Prize Book. Or, keep \$2.00 in cash for each 24 pack order you sell.

#### Send No Money—I Trust You

Paste coupon on postcard or mail in envelope to AMERICAN SPECIALTY CO., DEPT. 5, LANCASTER, PENNA.

#### Read What Wiley Johnson (Age 9) Says:

"Boy, when I look at all the prizes I got—a sports kit, axe and knife set, cookit set, knapsack, kombo knife, flashlight and frontier rifle, I can hardly believe it. Everybody liked your cards. I sold six orders in less than two weeks."



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#### Professional Type Junior Archery Set



A great outfit that contains powerful 34 1/2 inch Bow, 4 feathered Arrows, Target face and complete instructions.

#### ACRO FLASH CAMERA with Film



This swell outfit includes Camera, Flash Gun and 100 Film. Has Graticule. Takes pictures black and white or color. Makes beautiful enlargements.



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Heavy gold-plated, over 13" long. Play high calls, marches and songs without lessons. Case and instructions included.



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"Uncle" Harry Bard, AMERICAN SPECIALTY CO.  
DEPT. 5, LANCASTER, PENNA.

Please send me your BIG PRIZE BOOK and one order of 24 Christmas Packs. I will resell them at 25c each, send you the money and choose my prize.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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